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EDITORIAL NOTE

At the joint spring 1975 meeting of the Cooperative Africana Microform Project (CAMP) and the Archives-Libraries Committee of the African Studies Association, the desirability of having an Africana libraries bulletin for the members of this Archives-Libraries Committee, as well as for other interested persons was discussed, and a specific proposal to bring one into being was generally welcomed. The African Studies Center of Boston University generously undertook to subsidize the production and distribution costs of such a newsletter; the present issue is the initial result.

A number of factors pointed to the need for a newsletter. One, and perhaps the chief, is that the tempo of the Archives-Libraries Committee's existence has seemed to be fixed by its semi-annual meetings. "The clock ticks only twice a year" is how one librarian put it. It is hoped that a newsletter appearing six times a year will at least stim-

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JOINT MEETING OF THE ARCHIVES-LIBRARIES COMMITTEE and CAMP (COOPERATIVE AFRICANA MICROFORM PROJECT)

CAMP and the Archives-Libraries Committee of ASA will hold their Fall 1975 meetings jointly on Wednesday, October 29th in the Bonanza Room of the Sheraton Hotel in San Francisco. The meeting will run from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

I. Archives-Libraries Committee Business

- A. Discussion of Responsibilities of the Committee
- B. Size and Composition of the Committee (Ex-officio members, representation from small institutions, non-librarian, etc.)
- C. Election of Committee Members (Slate of nominees attached)
- D. Discussion of possible projects of the Archives-Libraries Committee including a revision of Duigan's Handbook of American Resources for African Studies

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REPORT ON THE FORMATION BY THE A.S.A. LIBRARIES ARCHIVES COMMITTEE OF AN EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE LATTER'S DRAFT MINUTES

On Wednesday, October 29, 1975, the A.S.A. Archives Libraries Committee met at the Sheraton Palace Hotel in San Francisco. In order to allow the Committee to carry out specific projects an Executive Board was selected. The six elected members are as follows: Allen R. Boyd (African Imprints Library Service); Jean E. Meeh Gosebrink (Indiana University); James P. Johnson (Howard University); Corinne Nyquist (SUNY New Paltz); Yvette Scheven (University of Illinois) and Jessie Carney Smith (Fisk University.* Three ex-officio members were designated. They are James Armstrong (Boston University) as editor of Africana Libraries Newsletter, David Britz (Northwestern University) as CAMP representative and Julian W. Witherell (Library of Congress) as L.C. representative. The terms of the Executive Board are staggered with Nyquist, Smith and Gosebrink having three year terms and Johnson, Boyd and Scheven having two year terms. Corinne Nyquist was elected chairperson, Yvette

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SPRING MEETING

COOPERATIVE AFRICANA MICROFORM PROJECT

Time: Friday, April 2, 1976
9:30-12:00 (Note amended starting time)

Place: Conference Center on 15th Floor of International Affairs
Building
Columbia University
420 West 118th Street
New York, NY

AGENDA

Welcome

- I. Report from the CAMP administration including current financial situation (Boylan)

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A BLANKET ORDER SUPPLIER: A RESUME OF THE WORK
OF THE AFRICAN IMPRINT LIBRARY SERVICES:
by J.A. Downey.*

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The difficulties which surround the acquisition of African books have been the subject of considerable discussion(1). It is the purpose of this article(2) to consider how one library supplier has found ways to alleviate some of these difficulties and how far in the estimation of one library, that of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex, he has succeeded.

The supplier is the African Imprint Library Services (AILS) of Bedford, New York State, found in 1970 and directed by Mr. A. R. Boyd. The Services has over the past year provided us with a large supply of African books in response to a customer profile designed by the IDS Library. These profiles are the means by which AILS establishes what books its customers require under the blanket order arrangements offered them(3). The profile, done in response to AILS' standard questionnaire, includes such information as the earliest date of publication wanted, which languages are required and the broad subject category wanted. The IDS Library obtains books on our blanket order primarily from Francophone and Portuguese-speaking Africa on the social sciences. The books we require are in Western European languages.

Books which match the profile are despatched either by sea or air from the headquarters of AILS. They have been received there from an agent, one of whom operates in each African country where Boyd has established representation. The number of countries covered varies because of internal conditions within the countries as well as any employment difficulties with the agents. The state of Boyd's contacts is given in his "Service Newsletter" issued approximately twice a year. Agents can vary from good active ones, through agents whose acquisition rate has been

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ARCHIVES LIBRARIES COMMITTEE (ASA)
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CAMP (COOPERATIVE AFRICAN MICROFORM PROJECT)
Columbia University
April 2, 1976

Present were: Mohammed M. Aman (St. John's University), James C. Armstrong (Boston University), Walter Barnard (Columbia University), Thomas Bourke (New York Public Library), Allen R. Boyd (African Imprint Library Services), Ray Boylan (Center for Res. Libraries), Daniel Britz (NW), Robert Buckwalter (Columbia Univ.), Paul A. Byrnes (Missionary Research Library, Union Theological Seminary), Moore Crossey (Yale Univ.), David Easterbrook (Syracuse Univ.), John A. Eilts (University of Michigan), Victoria K. Evalds (Temple Univ.), Onuma Ezera (Michigan State Univ.), Karen Fung (Hoover Institution/Stanford), Sheila R. Goldstein (Boston University), Jean E. Meeh Gosebrink (Indiana Univ.), Maria Grossmann

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AFRICANA HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The centennial meeting of the American Library Association (Chicago, July 18-25) included a number of events of Africana interest; and quite a few current and former Africana collectors were present. Hans Panofsky and other members of the local arrangements committee worked hard to provide a memorable week, including such highlights as the reception for visiting foreign librarians, held at the Newberry Library on July 20.

Speakers at the all-day program July 18 on "The International Flow of Books" included Alan Taylor (on the purpose of the program) and Julian Behrstock, director of UNESCO's Department of Free Flow of Information and Development of Communication, on "The work of UNESCO in the promotion of publishing." Africa suffers from book hunger, Mr. Behrstock says: only about 25 percent of the books sold in Africa are African imprints. He reported that a regional book development center for Africa will be established in Yaounde under UNESCO auspices, to assist in the formulation of book development activities, and to train African book-trade personnel.

Hans Panofsky led the program's small-group session on "The book trade in Africa," and he and Judy McAfee served as co-leaders of the Africa discussion group on book selection the next evening.

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FALL 1976 MEETING

A.S.A. ARCHIVES-LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Time: Wednesday, November 3, 1976

1:30 - 4:00 p.m. Note earlier meeting time and that morning open executive meeting is cancelled.

Place: Parlor Room D, Statler Hilton Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts.

AGENDA

- I. Executive Board reports
 - A. Project to revise the Handbook of American Resources for African Studies.
 - B. A.S.A. library panel development.
 - C. Cataloging subcommittee report.
 - D. Africana Libraries Newsletter report.
 - E. CAMP report
 - F. Library of Congress report.
 - G. Bibliographies in progress
 1. "The African Bookshelf: Basic Books for High Schools."

John C. Crawford, was reassigned to Washington from Nairobi as Assistant Chief, Overseas Operations Division. Previously Mr. Crawford had served as LC Field Director in Jakarta and New Delhi.

Zuhair E. Jwaideh, chief of the Near Eastern and African Law Division, attended a workshop in New York City on June 17-18 on the subject of Legal Aspects of Doing Business with Egypt, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the Gulf States. Mr. Jwaideh also attended the 69th annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries. A long-time member of AALL's Committee on the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals, he was appointed chairman of the committee this year. The committee is responsible for various aspects of the publication of the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals. The index has been in the process of being revised for the past three years, and it is hoped that its first cumulative revised volume will be published in 1977.

Bob Koester's new address is: Robert Koester, TAMS/ADG, B.P. 868, Ouagadougou, Upper Volta.

Pat Shoyinka is returning to Cataloging Dept. University of Ibadan, Nigeria, on or about Oct. 8, 1976.

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Available at nominal cost:

Journal of Modern African Studies Vol. 4, No. 1 through Vol. 9, No. 4; West Africa issues containing narrative account of the Nigerian civil war 1967-1970. Contact: Nancy J. Schmidt, African Studies Program, 1208 West California, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

Forthcoming: An article on the Official Publications of the South African Homelands.

African Newspapers in U.S. Libraries.

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Present were: Loretta K. ANDREWS (University of Maryland), Nancy ARMBRUSTER, James C. ARMSTRONG (Boston University), Allen R. BOYD (African Imprint Library Services), Daniel BRITZ (Northwestern), Dalvan M. COGER (Memphis State University), Moore CROSSEY (Yale University), Willene DANIELS (Center for Research on Economic Development, University of Michigan), Eugene DE BENKO (Michigan State), D. C. DORWARD (EP Microform Ltd.), David L. EASTERBROOK (Syracuse Univer-

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CAMP MEETING, APRIL 15, 1977 AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON **

Tentative schedule

Thursday, April 14

9:30 - 11:30	Archives-Libraries Committee business meeting
11:30 - 1:30	lunch
1:30 - 3:30	Archives-Libraries discussion meeting

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or Ph. D. in African Studies desirable. Experience in Africana libraries preferred.

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Additional last minute meetings.

October 11-15, 1977. Third International Meroitic Conference, Toronto, Ontario.

November 2-5, 1977. Joint National Meeting of the Latin American Studies and African Studies Associations, Shamrock Hilton Hotel, Houston, Texas.

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Present were: Nancy Ambruster, Greta Avery (University of Colorado), Allen R. Boyd (African Imprint Library Services), Dan Britz (Northwestern University), Dalvan Coger (Memphis State University), Moore Crossey (Yale University), David

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36 members from 31 organisations were present together with delegates to the Conference.

1. Minutes of 14th Annual General Meeting

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